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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to an Office action, Paper No. 9, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2003. Applicants submit that no extension-of-time is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered; however, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any additional fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.